

Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

February, 2011



“Love, Bubba”

Spiritual Director’s Comments

An old man lived alone in Idaho. He wanted to spade his potato garden, but it was very hard work. His only son, Bubba, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament. *Dear Bubba: I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won’t be able to plant my potato garden this year. I’m just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here, all my troubles would be over. I know you would dig up the plot for me. Love, Dad*

A few days later, he received a letter from his son. *Dear Dad: For heaven’s sake, Dad, don’t dig up that garden; that’s where I buried the bodies. Love, Bubba*

At 4:00 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police showed up and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day, another letter arrived from the old man’s son. *Dear Dad: Go ahead and plant the potatoes now. It’s the best I could do under the circumstances. Love, Bubba*

One of the fruits of the Cursillo experience and way of life is a greater openness to the creative power of the Holy Spirit. I’m not sure Bubba would have called what he did by its rightful name, but whenever we come up with positive and creative ways of showing love for one another, the Spirit is at work. The old man might also have been more open to the power of the Spirit and come up with different vegetables to grow (like hanging baskets of tomatoes—oops, they’re fruit, aren’t they?) Whatever...the point remains—the Spirit is constantly energizing us to use new approaches, creative ideas, and prayerful responses to both solve problems and grow the Church.

As new babe-chicks are being introduced to that

Spirit (some for the first time, really—they may have been blind at their baptisms and confirmations), our prayers and Palanca help. They intensify His power and manifest it in simple, yet overwhelming, ways. Grace is not complicated, but it is intense. And it is a gift, so it is never forced. Thus our free willingness to do Palanca is God’s grace at work, and while we’re doing it, we won’t be tiring out the Spirit, for He doesn’t have to focus His energy on us but can direct it to the candidates. And maybe, just maybe, if we let the Spirit have free reign, our Palanca will take on a few new creative forms and our letters will be a little deeper and more personal as well (remember Marv Kempen’s creations?). Let’s do it; let’s remain downwind in the power of Love blowing us onward, upward, and outward!

***De Colores y en el Spiritu,
Father Dave Pleier***



School of Musical Leaders Workshop

Green Bay Cursillo Movement is blessed to have people that share their talents on the weekends musically. Many people believe that when we pray musically, we pray twice. The Secretariat believes that there are more Cursillistas that would like to share their musical talent and that perhaps a “workshop” would help.

We are now in the early planning stages of presenting a “*School of Musical Leaders Workshop*” for an evening sometime in spring. Watch for details in the next newsletter.

Meanwhile, think about it. This would be open to all music lovers. We could expand our pool of available leaders for weekends, note: a cappella works just as well as instrument leaders. And wouldn’t it be great to have a dozen or so join Bill & Joyce at the closings?

Questions? Contact Bob Varick 920-733-0899
bvarick@new.rr.com





***“What is Shared at Group Reunion
Stays at Group Reunion”
Lay Directors Comments***

We’ve all heard the saying, “What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas!” Of course, we also know that what happened in Vegas probably should have not happened in the first place!!

While talking with a fellow Cursillista several weeks ago, she mentioned the importance of sharing at group reunion and having the information shared stay within the group. This person felt that that had not been the case with her and she is reluctant to join a small group reunion again. I’m quite confident that this is not the “norm” within our Cursillo community but I felt it important enough to broach the subject with all of you through the forum of this newsletter. We all learned during our Cursillo the importance of connecting with others and persevering in our fourth day through participation within small group reunion and Ultreyas. The beautiful support and prayer that we give to others within group reunion is precious and will remain so if it is kept confidential.

Looking ahead to the next few weeks, we are busy!! Our beautiful Day of Enrichment is coming up fast on Saturday, February 12th. The men’s team has been meeting weekly since early January with their weekend all set for February 17th-Feb 20th at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Pulaski. The ladies are in the midst of forming team as I write this with their weekend scheduled for March 31-April 3 at St. Joseph Middle School Campus in Appleton. The School of Leaders has resumed meeting the second Tuesday of each month at St. Nicholas in Freedom. Ultreyas are ongoing. If you would like to find an Ultreya near you, please contact Bob Varick, our Fourth Day Coordinator (920-733-0899 or bvarick@new.rr.com). Our Cursillo community here in Northeast Wisconsin keeps on chugging along as it has now for 46 years!! So many batons have been passed throughout the years. So many good and faithful people have grabbed it and run. We are blessed!!

***De Colores!!
Bobbí Hoff***



We Regret to inform our readers of the passing of long time Cursillista and Secretariat Member **Jerry Dietrich**. A Mass will be requested by Cursillo.



Come and See!

I often hear people talk about learning more about the Cursillo movement and questioning ways to continue to deepen their faith but, unfortunately, when I mention the School of Leaders, they shy away. I think the title can intimidate some, but rest assured, the School of Leaders is NOT intimidating.

If you can look at living your Cursillo as Cursillo course 101, look at School of Leaders as Cursillo 201! This year we have spent time going a bit deeper into our Cursillo tripod. We have learned several new forms of study and ways to study. We have also learned some additional forms of prayer and ways to deepen our prayer life. There’s only so much time during the Cursillo weekend to talk about the tripod and there’s so much more to learn and discuss.

Most of the presentations have been by the facilitators of the School of Leaders, but we also have had the opportunity to hear from Fr. Walter Stumpf, which was a great blessing. Traveling all the way from Crivitz to spend some time with us-thanks so much Fr. Walter! In February, we will be fortunate to get to spend time with Fr. Alfred McBride, who is the author of the book we are currently discussing as part of School of Leaders “Essentials of the Faith, A Guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Faith”! Each month we read a chapter out of his book together and then have an open discussion on the questions that are at the end of each chapter, so you don’t even have to worry about reading in advance if time doesn’t permit! This book has been such a great tool to learning our catechism in a way that isn’t intimidating. In March, we will have the opportunity to learn and spend time with our awesome spiritual director, Fr. Dave Pleier! Any time we can get around him is such a gift-you won’t want to miss it!

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish in Freedom. Each session has three parts: 1) Read and Discuss a chapter from Fr. McBride’s book 2) A short presentation about some area of Cursillo or our Catholic faith 3) A small group reunion and fellowship! The evening concludes in prayer at 8:00 p.m. A reminder about School of Leaders comes out on the Cursillo prayer chain. I invite you to Come and See!!!

***Respectfully Submitted,
Jaen Van Eperen***

Men's Cursillo #219 – February 17-20, 2011

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Pulaski, WI

TEAM

Rector: **Bob Varick**
733-0899

Vice Rector: **Greg McLean**
433-5317

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Dave Pleier**
468-4811

Asst. Spiritual Director: **Dcn. Randy Haak**
428-0114

Proctors: **Andy Pichette** (Kitchen) 655-4672
Brian Huza 414-573-6740
Jim Zill 866-1412
Mike Bors 562-5947

Palanca Address: **Attn: Cursillo #219 Palanca**
P.O. Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Set Up: **Vic Vosters**
Wed – 6:00 PM 734-1249

Thursday Night: **Diane Pichette**
406-6053

Friday: **Phil Hoslet**
497-2685
Breakfast 7:45
Lunch 12:30
Dinner 6:00

Saturday: **Pat Mongin**
468-0440/819-3144
Breakfast 7:00
Agape 1:30
Dinner 6:15

Sunday: **Pete Tilleman**
339-0166
Breakfast 7:35
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

Clean Up: **Vic Vosters** 4:00

Serenade: 6:00 PM - Look For Signs
Emergency Phones: 819-1817 or 655-4672

Directions: Assumption of BVM-Pulaski is approx. 15 miles West of Hwy 41 in Green Bay-Exit #169 off Hwy 41, proceed West on Hwy 29 approx. 7.6 miles to Exit #249, Hwy 32 North to Pulaski-stay on Hwy 32 in Pulaski and the church is on the corner of Hwy 32 & Hwy 160.



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This List is Complete as of 02/04/2011 Sponsors... Please make sure Candidates accepted after this date receive Palanca
For more information on Cursillo and the Green Bay Diocese Movement go to: www.cursillo.org/Greenbay
To See an Updated List of Candidates Right Up to Cursillo E-Mail Bob Varick @ bvarick@new.rr.com or Phone: 920-733-0899

Our Next CURSILLO WEEKEND!

Women's #220 SPRING March 31-April 3, 2011 at St. Joseph Middle School Campus - Appleton

CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY
P.O. Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140-0184

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Fourth Day

At a recent Mass with our school children, Fr Mark mentioned the support for our children by the people that are in the “autumn” of their lives. Realizing that I am in the “autumn” of my life and that being a committee of “ONE” for Fourth Day in Green Bay Cursillo is not a good situation. We need to expand the 4th Day committee and I ask that you think about it, pray about it and contact me, Bob Varick 920-733-0899 bvarick@new.rr.com.

Fourth Day Group Reunion is the very dynamic of Cursillo that sets Cursillo apart. I keep hearing about more people that are using Group Reunion in their lives. There still is a need for fresh approaches you might be the very person that can help.

We Don't Want to Lose Track of You!

Have you moved, changed your e-mail address, dropped your land line and gone to cell phone only? Would you please let us know about these changes? Do you know a Cursillista that has passed away? Could you please let us know about that? We would like to keep our mailing list as up to date as possible so any help you can give is greatly appreciated! I will have a change of address sheet in the back of church at the men's and women's closings or you can e-mail me at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com. Thank you! Julie Huss mailing list coordinator

Visit our Website!

Please visit the **Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Website** @ www.cursillo.org/Greenbay
We have updated applications available for candidates. It's also important to review the **Sponsor Responsibilities**.

One More Thing...

Please try to get the applications in sooner rather than later? An important part of the Team's preparation process involves knowing some background on your candidate in advance. Teams need your help!